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*Producers-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Societies in Malabar district.*

* 522 *Q.*—Sri KUNHI MUHAMED SHAFEE: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the total number of retail ration shops now run by each of the Producers-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Societies in Malabar district and the profit earned or loss suffered by each of those societies on account of running the retail ration shops after the procurement and sale of local paddy were stopped by them (up to 31st March 1953)?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM:—"A statement [a] is placed on the table of the House."

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

III.—ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS.

(1) CLOSURE OF THE COMMONWEALTH TILE FACTORY, KODAKKAL, SOUTH MALABAR.

Mr. SPEAKER:—"I have received notice of the following adjournment motion from Sri K. P. Gopalan. It reads as follows:—

'This Assembly stands adjourned to discuss an urgent matter of public importance, namely, the closing down of the Commonwealth Tile Factory, Kodakkal, South Malabar, on 4th July 1953 in violation of section 33 of the Industrial Disputes Act as there is an industrial dispute pending before the Conciliation Court, Kozhikode, between the management and workers of the factory, and resulting unemployment and starvation to more than 300 workers of the factory and their families and the failure of the Government to take suitable action against the management and to intervene in the matter properly and effectively.'

I wish to know from the hon. Member how this matter comes under the rules and after hearing the Hon. Minister I will give my ruling on the motion."

Sri K. P. GOPALAN:—"Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Commonwealth Tile Factory, Kodakkal, was closed . . ."

Mr. SPEAKER:—"Is the factory privately owned or managed by Government?"

* Sri K. P. GOPALAN:—"It is a private factory managed by the Commonwealth Trust, Limited—a British concern. I wish to bring to the notice of this House that the closure of the factory is illegal. The period of closure had not been stated in the notice put up by the Management. If we examine the decisions of the Appellate Tribunal and of so many other Industrial Tribunals, we will find that all of them are unanimously of the view that if a factory is to be closed, the management of the factory should state the period of closure . . ."

Mr. SPEAKER:—"I wish to know how the Government are responsible for the closure of the factory?"

* Sri K. P. GOPALAN:—"The closure of the factory without stating the period of closure is against the decisions of the Appellate Tribunal as well as other Industrial Tribunals in India. Secondly,

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[a] Printed as Appendix VI on pages 228–231 infra.